~~W. Hoddon Jr.~~

Jones Bryant

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Received

In the Name of G D, Amen, I James Bryan of Halifax
inty in the province of North Carolina, Being Sick & Weak of
dy but of perfect sence and memory thanks be to God, and on con-
sideration that Life & sence is uncertain, I do make & Ordain
my last will & Testament Viz. I give & Recommend my
l into the Hands of God that gave it, & my Body I Recommend
the Earth at the discretion of my Executors, as to my Worldly
tate, I give devise Bequeath & dispose of the same in the
llowing manner Viz. ——————————————————

mprimis. first I Leave the plantation & Lands belonging thereto
Whereon I now live to my Beloved wife Lucy Bryan during
her life Or Widowhood. I Also lend to my Beloved wife
Lucy Bryan Three Negroes Viz. Rachel, Philis & Dempsy
during her life, And after her Decease my will is that these
three Negroes, and their Increase to be Equally Divided between my two Daugh-
ters Sarah Bryan & Mary Bryan, to them and their Heirs forever
I Also lend to my Beloved wife Lucy Bryan two Negroes
Jacob & Jack for the Maintenance of my Children during
her widowhood, Or till my son James comes of age, I also lend
my Beloved wife two Horses, Five cows & Calves all my Beds
& furniture Also one fifth part of my Household furniture
untill my son James comes of age, And my will is that haly
the Horses, Cattle Beds and furniture & Also haly the House-
hold furniture Shoulb be Returnd After my son James comes of
age & be equally Divided between my Three Children Viz.
James Bryan Sarah Bryan & Mary Bryan to them and their
Heirs forever,, I Also lend to my Beloved wife Lucy Bryan
this Tract of Land I purchased Jacob Pollock lying on Cahuca
Containing four Hundred & thirty Acres during her Natural
life, And after her Decease, I Give the Said Land to my
Two Daughters Sarah Bryan & Mary Bryan to be Equally
divided between them share & share alike to them and their
Heirs forever
It is my will and desire that the Land I purchased of Theophi-
lus Cotten Containing of one Hundred Acres, And part of the
Land I Leased of Levy Lancaster should be leased for the term
of four years for Pork to discharge my Just debts, And at the-

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end of four Years, it is my will that the Land I purchas'd of Theophilus Cotten should be made use of for the use of the family untill my Children comes of age, And then I Give the said Land to my Two Daughters to be equally divided between them share & share alike to them and their Heirs forever,

Item— It is my will and Desire that the remainder of my Cattle should be sold to discharge my Just debts, Also the Remainder of my houshold furniture that is not lent, to discharge my

Item. It is my will and desire that Jim, Fan, & Will, should be hired out for the Terms of four Years Yearly. To discharge my Just debts, Then after the terms of the S.d four years to be returned to the use of the family

Item— It is my will and Desire that the Tanner mare and her two Colts should be sold to discharge my Just debts

Item. It is my will and desire that the forementioned negroes should not be Hired out if my debts can be settled without.

Item. I Give the plantation And Lands belonging thereto whereon I now live to my son James Bryan after my wives lent. And I also Give to my son James Bryan, the Tract of Land I Bought of Elisha Williams Containing one Hundred & fifty Acres to him and his Heirs forever. I Also Give to my son James Bryan the Negroes nam'd as follows and their Increase Jacob. Jim, Isam, Fan, & Stephen to him & his Heirs forever

Item. It is my will and desire that all the rest of my Negroes not Mention'd to be Equally divided between my Two Daughters Sarah Bryan & Mary Bryan share and share alike to them And their Heirs forever

Lastly. I Likewise do Constitute make & appoint James Smith, Nicolas Bryan, Tho.s Blunt Whitmill, & Drew Smith, my Only & soul Executors of this my Last will & Testament & I do hereby utterly Disallow, Revoke & disannul all & Every Other, former Testaments Will & Legacies, by me any ways before this time named willed & Bequeathed. Ratifying and Confirming this and no other, to be my Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal This Fourteenth day of May Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty four.

James Bryant (Seal)

Sign'd Seal'd & deliver'd }
in the presents of us }
Interlin'd before assign'd these words in the Fifteenth line
and their Increase
Tho.s Whitaker, Ann her X Newman
Sarrah Coten } her Mark

I Could wish you my Executors that you would sell or
move the House that is on the Plantation that I Bought of Elisha
Williams to the Plantation Lying on Rehued, And I also
desire you will have a Brick Chimney built to the House
on the plantation whereon I now live & have it under pinned
& the Little Room plaistered and the Barns on each plantation
Repaired with the income of the Negroes

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Halifax County Court

Then this Will
Was Exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by
the Oaths of Thomas Whitaker and Sarah Cotton
two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and Ordered
Boyant Quathquis as Executor to be Recorded
Test

Wm Haywood Clk